

DIPPY

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DIPPY Game #22, the Levy, 1983, Winter, 1906/Spring, 1907:

There is at least one vote against the concession proposal. The game continues...

Austria-Hungary (Ronald Kelly): MMR(1)...WINTER: No change...SPRING: a gal h/DIS-
LODGED, must retreat to boh or oth; a ser h/DISLODGED, must retreat to alb, tri or
otb; A VIE H; A BUD H

England (Dave Kleiman): WINTER: No change...SPRING: f nth-LON; F PIC-eng ch;
f bel-NTH; a kiel-MUN; F HOLL sup f hel-nth; f nwy-NWQ; F LVP-n atl; a bel-BUR

France (Dwayne Shreve): MMR(1)...WINTER: remove a bel...SPRING: EXODUS F NATL H;
F ENGCH H; F W MED H; A BRE H

Germany (Ken Iverson): SPRING: A SIL-ber

Italy (Jack Frost, NOTE ADDRESS CHANGE: 762 Kennedy, Braidwood, Ill 60448):

WINTER: no change...SPRING: A TYRO-sil/IMPOSSIBLE; A VEN-tyro; f alb-ION; F NAP sup
f alb-ION

Russia (John Stewart): WINTER: Builds A STP, A MOS, F SEV...SPRING: f aeg-E MED;
f con-AEG; a bul-SER; A GRE sup a bul-ser; A RUM-bud; f ser-BLACK; a mos-SEV;
a stp-MOS; a ukr-GAL; A WAR sup a ukr-gal; A BER sup English a kiel-mun; F BAL sup
a ber

Standby: Needed

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Press:

SERBIA-FRANCE: Can you use my services?

GERMANY TO ITALY: Why didn't you ask first?

DIPPY Game #23, the Omelet, 1983CN, Spring, 1904:

Well, folks, our apologies are due for making a blunder two moves ago and not catching it. At that time (Fall, 1903) we allowed both England and Turkey to take St Petersburg. England, in fact, succeeded. We understand that all relevant players are aware of our misqua, and thus there should be no problem as the game continues. Again, our apologies...

Austria-Hungary (Philip Redmond): f tun-W MED; f tyrr-LYON; f ion-AEG; a rome-TUS;
A VEN sup a tri-tyro; a tri-TIBQ; a vie-GAL; A WAR sup a ukr-mos; a ukr-MOS;
a rum-UKR; a bud-RUM; A BUL-con

England (Terry Lachcik): f lvp-WALES; a lon-NWI; F NTH con a lon-nwy; f nwy-SWE;
A DEN sup f nwy-swe; F STP-MC H

France (David Bruss): A PAR-gas; A MAR-gas; a ruhr-BEL; F ENG CH sup a ruhr-bel;
F PIC sup a ruhr-bel

Germany (Dwayne Shreve): MMR(1); A BER H; A BUR H; A MUN H; ~~mmh~~ A KIEL H;
f bel h/DISLODGED, must retreat to holl or oth

Russia (Jack Schneider): F BAL-kiel

Turkey (Ken Iverson): a mos-LVN; A SEV-mos; A ARM-sev; AANK-con; F BLACK sup
a arm-sev

Standby: Ronald Kelly

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Press:

VIENNA TIMES, VOICE OF THE BALKANS AND ITALY--A wave of anti-Islamic feeling has swept the Empire. Following private meetings with the Pope, Count von Redmont announced a sweeping campaign involving the bulk of the Imperial forces. The former Balkan Bloodthirster reportedly ordered the attack in return for an exorcism performed by His Holiness.

M O R E

VIENNA TIMES, VOICE OF THE BALKANS AND ITALY--The first and second Imperial Fleets continue to head west on their five year mission to seek out new life and new nations. Count von Richmond reportedly instructed Admiral Kark to "boldly go where a man has gone before."

HINSDALE—We have a proposal to concede the game to Austria-Hungary. To succeed all of you must agree on the concession. But if you are silent on the proposal, it will be considered agreement. Therefore, with your fall orders please vote Aye or Nay on the concession proposal.

ANKARA-STOCKHOLM: Sorry about the way things went. Question, Which of us stooges do you hate the most? (Please leave out the GM.) You may pick three.

WINSDALE--Goodness. We have another proposal to consider an English-Austro-Turkish draw. This changes matters considerably from what we announced just before. Now, with your fall orders please signify whether you accept the concession to Austria, the concession to England-Austria-and-Turkey, or neither of the above. Silence will be considered a negative vote on the proposals...

PARIS, FRANCE--The sudden reappearance of the Russian Empire has left the French government bewildered, Congress reported. "We suspected another super country would develop. Needless to say we are happy to have Schneider back."

PARIS TABLOID—As mass confusion has hit the army two units were ordered to Gascony. Apparently the French inability to plan ahead came out this time in full bolor.

PARIS IMPERIALISTS TO BERLIN MARXISTS--Belgium! Oh, that wonderful City. Glad to be here than in Burgundy!

HINSDALE—In light of the two previous announcements from this quarter, above, the first of which now is null and void, and in light of Ankara's remarks above, it seems only right that the OM be included in the list of stooges.

DIPPY Game #24, the Mays, 1984F, Fall, 1901:

Austria-Hungary (Tom Slaughter): f 38-ONE; A SER-run; A BUD-sup & ser-run
CONTROLS: vie, bud, gre, ser — 4—Add one unit

England (Jack Frost) NOTE ADDRESS CHANGE: 762 Kennedy, Braidwood, Ill 60408:
f mwg-JMY; F NTH con a york-den; A YORK-den
CONTROLS: lon, lvp, edi, mwg-1--had one unit

France (Philip Redmond): f mid-SPA 30; a spa-PORT; a pic-BEL
CONTROLS: par, bre, mar, bel, port, spa — 6 — Add 3 units!

Germany (Neil Kiersz): a kiel-BER; F DEN-swe; a ruhr-HOLL
CONTROLS: ber, kiel, mun, holl, den-5--Add 2 units

Italy (Wes Erni): A TRI-ser; a apu-TUN; F ION con a apu-tun
CONTROLS: rome, ven, nap, tri, tun-5--Add 2 units.

Russia (David C Bruss): F BOT-ows; a sil-BOH; F black-CON; A UIR-ern
CONTROLS; stp, mos, war, con-1-1-1 No change

Turkey (Daniel W Wallick): A BUL sup Russian a ukr-rum; f com-ANO; a arm-SEV
CONTROLS: ank, smy, bul, sev - 1 - Add one unit

Standby: Ken Iverson

DEADLINE for Winter, 1901 adjustments is mail delivery of Weds, Mar 14, 1984
Press:

PARIS POST, THE FRANCHMAN'S WINDOW ON THE WORLD.—Rumors of war abound in the capital. Troops are reportedly moving into Iberia at this moment. In the north, the first army has responded to urgent pleas from French-speaking citizens of Belgium and intends to occupy that country until free elections can be held.

PARIS POST, THE FRENCHMAN'S WINDOW ON THE WORLD—Urgent appeals for friendship continue to be sent to London, but with no response. The French people have no quarrel with England or Germany, and hope the three countries can work together in peace.

TASS--The Czar enjoyed his short trip to Acapulco, Mexico in the beginning of February. All the goals of the trip with the greatest amount of success. The Czar had this comment on the vacation "There is nothing like a 12 day trip to relax your mind. I suggest all world leaders take one at least once a year."

FROST & CO MOVE

By Buford T Condominium, STAR Real Estate Ed

BRAIDWOOD, ILL, Feb 21--Jack & Jane Frost and family have moved into their new home in this community in central Illinois.

It's at 762 Kennedy in Braidwood. zip code 60408, and just where is that? Well, Jack says it's right off the Braidwood exit off I55 which is about 20 to 25 minutes south of the last I55 exit for Joliet. That's about a 20 minute drive from downtown Chicago.

Despite the distance from Chicago and the proximity to Commonwealth Edison's nuclear power plant, There are advantages to the new Frost homestead.

Jack gushingly told this reporter that now he's got 4 bedrooms, central air, and a 2 car garage on a third of an acre of land. And taxes are very low.

But Frost admits that his Galesburg Wizards in the UBA might as well really be playing in Galesburg, and he's resigned to the fact that they're now a mail team. As for the TBA, however, Jack says he personally will be playing for the Alliance team in the playoffs, since it's been a long difficult haul, and he's finally made it.

The very best of luck to Jack and Jane and all to go begging to fill it, why do the Frosts in their new country home! Now let him be known as "Country Jack Frost."

The World's Degradest Newspaper...

QUORABLE: Mary Novak, after reading a wire service report saying British scientists, through embryo manipulation, had succeeded in producing animals that are half sheep and half goat: "I've known blind dates like this..."

KVIZ: Answer to last week's question: Heraldry. Question #21: If you order a restaurant dish that has Florentine in its name, what ingredient should you expect in the dish?

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE STAR:

--Madge Greenfart was trumpeting the fact that west suburban women's basketball groupie Phil Kossin had been seen in public in the company of Chicago Hustle player Sue Digitale. Madge also scolded PLAYGIRL for turning down Rich Mylak, Madge saying "I like 'em short and thin..."

--Len Benes had just purchased a brand new Pontiac Grand Prix, and Rich King was in line to buy a brand new Dusenbergs should they start up production in Evanston, and as long as they had seats of rich, Corinthian leather...

--A Sunday afternoon of FIGHT IN THE SKIES was on the calendar. Anyone interested in doing that again, now in 1984?

--In spretz, Jack Frost was trying to put together an APBA football league, and the TBA's division leaders were: Whitehorse (9-4), Bolingbrook (11-2) and Macomb (10-2)

WE GET LETTERS

Dear Ed,

Why publish the STAR every week?

After ~~an~~ a great issue a few weeks ~~ago~~ ago, you've got to admit not much was happening. So if not much is happening, why not cancel that week's issue and have a bigger, better one the next time around?

If people don't want to keep in touch, why force it? If you have it? There's not that much interest if stories aren't coming in. Why not publish just when DIPPY is due?

--Gorkles

ED: A point well taken.

LABOR BOUNDUP

by C D Workman, STAR Labor Ed

As we go to press the heads may be rolling once again at Fireman's Fund Insurance Company in San Francisco.

A source close to Tom Eng reports that the next round of blood-letting was to take place on Feb 26, and Eng says the morale is so low that the employees in his department have drawn up a pool: you buy a square naming the date of the layoff, and the total number of workers in the unit to be let go.

Eng says one joke that's making the rounds is that the company has announced that the lay-off's will continue until morale improved.

On the other side of the continent, ABC, CBS and the Writers Guild go into their final week of negotiations before the Guild's contract runs out. The Guild has always had a policy of "No contract, no work," and thus this figures to be a tense week for the ~~writers~~ workers.

CBS is said to be adamant in asking for the right to fire writers without cause, and to be able to assign announcers to write for other announcers (announcers can only write for themselves now). If either of these conditions are granted to CBS, there seems little point in continuing to have a Writers Guild.

The best of luck to all of those sweating out their jobs this week.

REVIEWS: GAME REVIEW: The Consulting Detective Game

Reviewed by Andi Wiley

The Consulting Detective Game by Sleuth Publications of San Francisco is not a board game, there is no dice, nothing left to chance. You are presented with a mystery to solve and it is then up to you to trace the threads of evidence. The culprit is traced down from the newspaper and/or the ~~clue~~ clue book.

The game tries to recapture the spirit of Victorian London by providing a map of London in the late 1800's and a London address directory. The newspaper Archives add to this nostalgia feeling by providing a little insight on daily life.

Once the case is read the player(s) who may work individually or in teams, decide where they want to go, i.e. the scene of the crime or who they want to talk with, such as the victim's wife. You locate these people and places by looking up the address in the directory and then go to that address in the ~~clue~~ clue book.

The winner is determined by a net game score. The net game score is made up of the number of turns it takes the player to reach a solution; the difference between that number of turns and how many it took Holmes; and the number of points awarded to correct answers in the bonus quiz.

This game is a lot of fun and a challenge. We recommend this game especially to those of you trying to wean yourselves from Trivial Pursuit.

BOOK REVIEW: THE MONK by Matthew Lewis

Reviewed by Jim Benes

Because Alan Peters and I both enjoy reading but never seem to read the same books we entered into a pact by which each gives the other one reading assignment each January. After the reading has been completed, we are capable of carrying on an intelligent discussion of the works assigned.

This year, Alan's assignment to me was a real gem. It's THE MONK by Matthew Lewis, one of the first Gothic novels, written in 1796. Anyone who suffered thru the nuns' tales of robbers whose hands froze to holy statues when they tried to strip them of their gems and thus had to have their hands cut off will really appreciate this book. It's probably the source material for all those nuns who frightened kids with their stories.

The MONK himself is Ambrosio, a seemingly saintly man who lives in Madrid. But after he discovers some of the secrets of life in the abbey, he turns into a monster bent upon the destruction of a sweet young innocent.

Yes friends, not only is THE MONK probable source material for the nuns' tales, but also for all those Protestants who hated and feared the men (and women) of the cloth of the Roman Catholic Church.

THE MONK is ~~intriguing~~ intriguing and diabolical. Throughout it, you may find ~~yourself~~ yourself wondering what action is of man's making, and what is of some supernatural origin. In any event, it is a recommended reading.

SPROTZ

BASEBALL: THE WINTER LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs

team	w	l	pct	gb
58 Braves	24	11	.685	—
62 Brewers	22	18	.550	4½
59 White Sox	20	18	.526	5½
82 Cardinals	20	19	.512	6
69 Cubs	21	22	.488	7
57 Indians	8	27	.228	16

Ron Gorski and George Hines have now completed their schedules of Winter League play.

In recently reported action, Dick Donovan and Bob Shaw, the Sox threw back-to-back shutouts against the league leaders, winning 5-0 and 2-0. Bill Hands' (7-3) of the Cubs whitewashed Cleveland 4-0 on 3 hits, and the Tribe's Cal McLish and the Cubs' Fergie Jenkins hooked up in a pitchers' duel that was scoreless until Cleveland plated 2 in the 10th to win 2-0. McLish, at 5-4, has more than half of the Indians victories... (APBA)

BASKETBALL

There is no TBA news this week, except for the sage observations of Bob Csuch about the upcoming playoffs. To wit: "The way I see it, Alliance is the favorite to win it all, followed by Mohawk. Naperville, Whitehorse, Canaryville, and Augusta. With hot dice, I'd give Naperville the best shot, but he rebounds so poorly that should he get cold, he may not be able to stay in the game against the likes of Mohawk or Alliance. Should be interesting. I think we all have a fair shot actually, except Augusta!"